

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DAMASC 05825 011042Z

11

ACTION INR-07

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 NSAE-00 /018 W

----- 066146

R 011031Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9371

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 5825

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, SY

SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ISA DARWISH, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM

REF: (A) STATE 213660, (B) DAMASCUS 5219

1. ISA DARWISH IS ONE OF THE FEW ALAWITE MINISTERS IN NEW CABINET OF ABD AL-RAHMAN KHULAYFAWI. COMMERCIAL OFFICER LEANRED FROM LOCSE FRIEND OF DARWISH, AT KHUMASSIYAH TEXTILE PLANT (UNITED COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL CORP) FOLLOWING INFORMATION: DRAWISH SEEMS RATHER WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD U.S. AND SHOULD GET ALONG WELL WITH AMERICANS IN HIS NEW JOB. HE HAS NO BACKGROUND IN PTEROLEUM WORK BUT IS CONSIDERED STRONG ADMINISTRATOR. HE HAS VISITED EUROPE (FOR EITHER TOURISM PURPOSES OR ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS) AND HAS ALSO TRAVEL TO NORTH KOREA AND SOVIET UNION ON BAATH PARTY MISSIONS. HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH AND VERY LITTLE FRENCH. HE IS REGARDED AS CONSERVATIVE IN FAMILY MATTERS AND PREFERS THAT HIS WIFE NOT ACCOMPANY HIM TO SOCIAL GATHERINGS WITH FOREIGNERS.

2. EMBOFFS WHO MET WITH DARWISH EVENING AUG. 31 TO REQUEST HIS ASSISTANCE IN RESUPPLY AMERICAN UNIV. OF BEIRUT HOSPITAL WITH GENERATOR FUEL REPORTED HIS ATTITUDE AS VERY HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE. DARWISH ACTED WITH COMPETENCE AND DECISIVENESS IN THIS PARTICULAR MATTER.

3. NO PHOTO OF DARWISH IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, BUT MINISTER IS OF MEDIUM HEIGHT AND BUILD, MOUSTACHE, DOES NOT WEAR GLASSES.

MURPHY

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DAMASC 05825 011042Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976DAMASC05825
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760331-0904
From: DAMASCUS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t197609103/aaaadked.tel
Line Count: 60
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION INR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 213660, 76 DAMASCUS 5219
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <20 OCT 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ISA DARWISH, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
TAGS: PINR, SY, (DARWISH, ISA)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006